



US Army Corps
of Engineers
St Paul District

APPLICANT: Minnesota Board of
Water and Soil
Resources

Public Notice

ISSUED: July 7, 2009

EXPIRES: August 7, 2009

REFER TO: MVP-2009-02529-ADB

SECTION: 404 - Clean Water Act

1. COMPENSATORY WETLAND MITIGATION BANK SITE PROPOSAL.

2. SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:

520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155

Point of Contact: Dan Girolamo, (651) 215-1703

Landowner's Name: Steve and Clayton Strolberg

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed mitigation bank site, referred to as Strolberg Wetland Bank, is located in NE 1/4 Sec. 19, T. 119N., R. 28W., Wright County, Minnesota, as shown in the attached drawings labeled MVP-2009-02529-ADB, Page 1 of 3 through 3 of 3

DESCRIPTION OF THE MITIGATION AREA: The existing 143-acre site consists of approximately 115 acres of active farmland and 28 acres of woodland. The applicant proposes to restore ten wetland areas through a combination of shallow excavation, installation of ditch plugs, constructing earthen embankments with outlet structures, and tile reroutes. It is anticipated that about 48.7 acres of new wetland credit would be gained and 48.7 acres of upland buffer would be established. This proposed bank would be established for the Board of Water and Soil Resources local road replacement program.

Water depths are expected to range from 0 to 2 feet deep. About 95% of the wetland area would be saturated to the surface or inundated with less than 6 inches of water. An interspersed of wetland types, including seasonally flooded basins, sedge meadow and shallow marsh are anticipated. The predominant type would be shallow marsh. Further analysis of anticipated ground water conditions is being done. It is possible that additional scraping, perhaps 6 inches, may be necessary to ensure adequate hydrology. The intent is NOT to establish deep water or open water conditions. The upland buffer (average width of 25 feet) would be established by seeding areas with a native upland seed mixture.

The applicant proposes to use Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources-recommended native wetland seed mixes in the wetland mitigation areas and in the upland buffer areas.

For Corps of Engineers purposes under Section 404, if the bank plan is successful, the applicant could gain a total of 60.9 acres of wetland mitigation credit. The Corps could grant 1 to 1 credit for the new wetland restored areas from the current farmland, and 0.25 to 1 credit for the upland buffer.

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PROPERTY USE: The applicant's agent reviewed the last 20+ years of aerial photographs and found that the site has been continuously cropped between 1983 and the present.

SURROUNDING LAND USE: The surrounding areas also have a long cropping history.

3. REPLIES/COMMENTS.

Interested parties are invited to submit to this office written facts, arguments, or objections within 30 days of the date of this notice. These statements should bear upon the suitability of the location and the adequacy of the project and should, if appropriate, suggest any changes believed to be desirable. Comments received may be forwarded to the applicant.

Replies may be addressed to Regulatory Branch, St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, 190 Fifth Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55101-1638.

OR, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT, call Andy Beaudet at the St. Paul office of the Corps, telephone number (651) 290-5642.

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4. FEDERALLY-LISTED THREATENED OR ENDANGERED WILDLIFE OR PLANTS OR THEIR CRITICAL HABITAT.

None were identified by the applicant or are known to exist in the permit area. Currently no Federally-listed species are found in Meeker County.

This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any comments it may have concerning possible Federally-listed threatened or endangered wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

5. JURISDICTION.

The work proposed for wetland restoration at the location stated is not within the regulatory jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers. No work will be done in a navigable water of the United States, and no dredged or fill material, including that associated with mechanical land clearing, will be discharged in any water of the United States, including wetlands. Therefore, a Department of the Army permit is not required for the creation of this wetland bank site.

6. HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL.

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This public notice is being sent to the National Park Service, the State Archaeologist, and the State Historic Preservation Officer to seek additional information on known cultural resources which may be affected by the described work. We believe that the area has a very low probability of harboring yet to be discovered archaeological resources and that the project will not adversely affect any historic structures that may be located adjacent to the project.

7. PUBLIC HEARING REQUESTS.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, in detail, the reasons for holding a public hearing. A request may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided or if there is otherwise no valid interest to be served.



Maria T. Valencia
Chief, Metro Permits Section

Enclosures

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Legend

- Stream (Intermittent Flow)
- Stream (Perennial Flow)
- Wetland
- Upland



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